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The Cover

One of four open spandrel arch bridges of reinforced concrete in South Carolina, the Gervais Street Bridge spans the Congaree River and links Columbia to the western and southern parts of the State. At the time of its construction, begun in February 1926 and completed in June 1928, the bridge had the widest roadway in the State. Above the flanking balustrades on the bridge are cast iron light fixtures. The decorative fixtures have the letter C and a palmetto tree on the bases, a vine pattern on the eight-sided post, and an acanthus leaf design on the necking. The Gervais Street Bridge was listed in the National Register November 25, 1980.

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